

POWDER FATALLY BURNS FIVE

MAN DROPS CIGAR INTO BOX OF EXPLOSIVE IN CROWD OF BOYS.

Seven of them are frightfully burned, and only two are expected to recover. Man escapes unhurt in the excitement. Detectives are seeking him.

Seven boys were badly injured and five of them will probably die as the result of an explosion of powder at North Sixth street and Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, last night.

The residents of the district are Germans and Poles, and the boys of the neighborhood had been setting off their fireworks at one spot most of the day. Many fireworks had failed to explode and the boys had extracted the powder and put it into a box.

The box, about a foot square and six inches deep, at 9 o'clock last night contained several pounds of powder.

When the supply of fireworks was exhausted the boys decided to wind up the celebration by exploding the box. They were cautious enough about it. They carried the box to the middle of the street and then got the stub of a candle.

One boy put the candle on top of the powder and lighted it. Then the boys, about thirty of them, stood off, waiting for the candle to burn down to the powder.

Before that happened, however, a gust of wind blew out the candle. The boys waited a few moments to see that there was no danger of an explosion, then gathered around the box. While they were debating one should have the honor of lighting the candle a man staggered out of a saloon at the corner. He pushed his way into the group of boys and asked them what they were doing. They paid no attention to the intruder.

"I'll fix it for you," he said, taking a lighted cigar from his mouth. Then he dropped the cigar into the box and instantly there was an explosion that shook the neighborhood. The boys were scattered, and a dozen who were close to the box being knocked to the ground.

Seven of them were unconscious, the others being able to rise although burned. The clothes of some had been set on fire. The explosion caused much excitement and in a few minutes the crowd was so great that Capt. Gallagher of the Bedford avenue station sent out the reserves.

Ambulances were called and Dr. Dorne, Langner and Rarick responded from the Williamsburg hospital and Drs. Cohen and Dean from the Eastern District Hospital. The clothes had been burned off some of the boys and their bodies were scorched and disfigured.

The seven boys most seriously hurt are: Joseph Walters, 16, of 95 North Sixth street; Walter Manser, 16, of 92 North Sixth street; John Alwita, 9, of 95 North Sixth street; Andrew Kreyket, 13, of 97 North Sixth street; John Rusanski, 13, of 87 North Sixth street; Thaddeus Rusanski, 4, of 87 North Sixth street; William France, 11, of 88 North Sixth street.

The doctors decided that with the exception of France and John Rusanski, would probably die. Capt. Gallagher instructed his detectives to find the man responsible for the explosion. Some of the children had paid much attention to him, although he was seen running down the street after the explosion. He is supposed to have been a stranger in the neighborhood.

The Fourth of July casualties were fewer yesterday than in previous years, judging from the reports of the accidents that reached the police. As The Sun told yesterday, one person lost his life by a stray bullet soon after midnight. Eleven others were hit by stray bullets. Of the number injured in this way in Manhattan and the Bronx, nine were men, one a child and one a woman. None was seriously hurt, but they all went to hospitals.

The police heard of twenty-two persons who needed hospital attention from powder burns, but the number who sought drug store aid was large.

John Teranne, 10 years old, of Brighton, Staten Island, had his right arm blown off at the elbow by the explosion of a toy gun.

Julius Metz, 63 years old, a grocer, of 63 Second avenue, was riding in an open Third avenue car last night when a giant firecracker was thrown under the seat at 12th street. It set fire to Metz's trousers and he jumped from the car against an elevated railroad pillar, breaking his left leg. He was taken to the Harlem Hospital.

During the twenty-four hours there were thirty-three fires. The firemen in Manhattan were kept on the jump all day. Most of the fires were trifling, the larger number being caused by fireworks.

There were a good many arrests for carrying revolvers without licenses and for carrying revolvers in the streets. Thirty-five men and boys were arraigned on these charges in Essex Market court. The West Side court had nine such prisoners.

Six persons were accidentally shot in Brooklyn by celebrators yesterday. Of the number two women as they were walking in the street, stopped bullets. One boy lost his right hand in playing with a cannon, and another boy was burned. The police board of ten children who were suffering from powder burns. Altogether seventy-five ambulances calls were received at Brooklyn police headquarters.

John Dezzana, an Italian, was sitting at an open window on the third floor of 151 Twelfth street, Brooklyn, last night, when a bullet hit him in the right temple. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, and his condition is critical.

Seven-year-old Martin Coe of 376 Baltic street, Brooklyn, was shot in the back in front of his own house last night by a bullet fired by the police, say by Robert Jack, 58 years old, of 378 Baltic street. The boy was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital and Jack was arrested.

John Lawlor, a laborer, 35 years old, of 11 West Seventy-fifth street, was crossing Broadway avenue at Seventy-fourth street last night when he was shot in the abdomen by a stray bullet. He was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital in a critical condition.

HURT FIRING 3 INCH RIFLE.

Two Soldiers on Governors Island Badly Injured.

They fired the national salute of forty-five guns at Governors Island yesterday with an interruption of five minutes in which the wounded to the hospital.

The saluting battery consisted of four 3 inch rifles, intended for use against any enemy that might be able to elude the big ship destroyers at Sandy Hook and the Narrows. Gun No. 1 had been fired and gun No. 2 was just about to fire as the men of gun No. 1 showed in a fresh blank cartridge. As Cornelius F. Harrington of Company H, Eighth Infantry, slammed to the breach charge of No. 1 there was an explosion. The charge of the gun, ignited, it is supposed, by the back draft of fire burst thunderously from the breach. Harrington was blown back about twenty feet. Nearly every bit of his clothing was torn away and the lower part of his right arm was shattered. He received other wounds of the face and breast that the post surgeon said last night will probably kill him.

Sergeant Frank Webb, who had charge of the gun crew, was also hurled from his feet and seriously burned. The wounded men were picked up by their comrades and taken to the hospital. The excitement subsided within five minutes, and the crew went on with firing the salute to the birth of the nation as if it were little more than an every day thing to lose two comrades. Gun No. 1 was out of commission for the rest of the day. There will be an investigation of the explosion.

SOLDIERS TERRIBLY HURT.

Powder Exploded Before Breach of a Salute Gun Was Closed.

BOSTON, July 4.—While Private Buckley and McNeil of Company 90, Coast Artillery, were firing a salute from a six-pounder at Fort Warren this afternoon a charge of powder exploded before the breach was closed. Buckley's left arm was torn off at the shoulder and his face was seriously cut by pieces of the brass shell. McNeil's eyes were filled with powder and he may be permanently blind. Buckley is in a critical condition.

The accident occurred after the two privates had fired 15 of the 45 guns in the salute. No one seems to know exactly what caused the discharge of the gun.

DUMDUM BULLET MYSTERY.

Mrs. Clemens Dies of Her Wound—Her Neighbors Hunt With Police.

PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—Mrs. George W. Clemens of 5416 Morton street, Germantown, who was wounded at her home on Monday night by a dum dum bullet from a Krag-Jorgensen rifle, that came from an unknown and mysterious source, died early to-night in the Germantown Hospital.

Not content to remain idle, though every available man of the Germantown police station had been searching the neighborhood of the Clemens home, under the personal supervision of Lieut. Buchanan for a clue to the identity of the person who fired the shot, scores of the residents of the suburb have joined in the hunt.

Florence Hansberry, 14 years old, of 304 Ashmead street, who was shot in the leg by a dum dum bullet about fifteen minutes after Mrs. Clemens was fatally wounded, is recovering at the Germantown Hospital, although still suffering from shock. Detectives Ducey and Cameron of Capt. Donaghy's staff, who are working on the case, discovered to-day that John Axford, a well to do Germantown manufacturer, had a narrow escape from being hit by a bullet, evidently from the same rifle, about fifteen minutes after Mrs. Clemens was shot. Axford was sitting on the porch of his residence at 843 East Chelton avenue, Germantown, which is about a block from the Clemens residence, when a bullet went past his head and through the wall of the house. Mrs. Clemens was a sister of the police lieutenant of the Third district.

GOV. CARTER BACK FROM HAWAII

Will See President Roosevelt and Discuss His Resignation.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—Gov. Carter of Hawaii, who recently astonished his friends and enemies by sending his resignation to the President, arrived to-day on the steamer Albatross. Advised from the islands that the political air for years has created so much excitement, Cable messages came from rich planters abroad and most of the influential men in Honolulu urged Carter to reconsider his action. From the other islands, however, came unmistakable evidence of his unpopularity outside of the plantation owning interests. Even in his own party he has many enemies.

Carter declares that his resignation was not due to the last election, but to a series of events, which he doesn't name. This series includes legislative overriding of his vetoes on several important matters, the decision of the Supreme Court upholding the county act which he had vetoed and called a "gold brick," and finally the action of the people in defeating his personal candidate for Sheriff and electing A. M. Brown, whom he was anxious to defeat.

Among the prominent candidates to succeed Carter are W. O. Smith, Attorney General under the republic; H. E. Baldwin of Alexander & Baldwin; H. E. Cooper, Secretary of the Territory, and L. E. Pinkham, president of the Health Board.

Gov. Carter is to see the President and explain his resignation.

NEW CUNARDERS TO DOVER.

Company Decides to Use That Port Instead of Liverpool.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, July 4.—The Cunard Steamship Company, owing, it is alleged, to its dissatisfaction with the treatment it has received from the Mersey Dock Board, has decided that its two big new steamers will use Dover as their port instead of Liverpool.

It is stated that they can be coaled as cheaply at Dover as at Liverpool, while the former port will give an obvious advantage to passengers bound for London or the Continent.

CANTON TAKES UP THE BOYCOTT.

City Pleaded With Bills Urging That No One Use American Goods.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. HONGKONG, July 4.—A great meeting to protest against the Chinese exclusion act was held at Canton on July 1. The delegates asserted that they represented 270,000 Chinese. The city was placarded with bills containing the following: "Let us with one heart boycott American merchandise."

POLICE DON'T FIND JEWELS.

THE HIGGINSONS SEND DETECTIVE AWAY FROM THE DOOR.

Jewelry Similarly Missed in the House a Year Ago and Never Recovered—Police Were Called in Then Also—Odd Circumstances of the Case.

Little progress was made yesterday by the police in their search for the many thousands of dollars worth of jewelry missing on Saturday from the house of James J. Higginson at 16 East Forty-first street. In fact, the family showed a disposition yesterday to exclude the police from the premises. The police of the West Thirtieth street station lay this to resentment of suggestions from the detectives. Yesterday Detective-Sergeant McCafferty was turned from the door by the family and was told that his interference was not desired.

The family was arranging to move to Ardley this week. Mrs. Higginson and her young invalid son, Thomas, went to Ardley to get things in order on Friday. Miss Dorothy Higginson stayed at home to superintend the packing. She was assisted by the upstairs maid. At a little after 12 o'clock she went into her bedroom on the third floor, where there is an old fashioned writing desk in which she and her mother always kept their jewelry, and there into it several rings.

She went downstairs and was not in the upper part of the house again. Mrs. Higginson and the boy came in and some time after lunch Miss Higginson discovered that the desk had been forced open and that the jewels had been taken. The desk had been forced with a small screwdriver apparently belonging to the house. This was picked up on the floor near by. Word was sent to the Tenderloin station. Detectives Harvey and Kirk were sent to the house. Miss Dorothy told them that she and the dining room girl were busy preparing luncheon when Mrs. Higginson and Tommy came home. She was positive that the jewelry was in the writing desk at noon, for at that time she had just put several rings from her hands there. The dining room girl's trunk was searched that day with her consent, although Miss Dorothy said that to suspect her was ridiculous.

On Monday the detectives were summoned again to search the trunk of another servant who had declined (some time previously) to go into the country with the family. Again no result. Miss Dorothy did everything possible to aid the police, and at the suggestion of the detectives she searched a little carpenter's shop that had been fitted up on the second floor for the invalid boy. No result again.

This isn't the first jewel robbery that has disturbed the Higginson household. A year ago Miss Dorothy, who had been visiting in Oyster Bay, returned home carrying some money and jewelry valued at \$1,000 in a belt around her waist. She placed the belt on her dresser at home and joined the other members of the family at dinner. When she went upstairs again the jewelry and money were gone. The police of the West Thirtieth street station were then notified, but the case was never cleared up. Miss Higginson said yesterday that the amount of the theft was now over \$25,000.

About two years ago young Higginson was arrested by Detective Edward O'Neill of the East Fifty-first street station, because he would not tell the detective what was in the bundle he was carrying, which happened to be his riding clothes. Mr. Higginson made a stir over the matter, and Commissioner McAdoo reduced O'Neill to patrol duty.

Last week's case has made a little trouble in the Tenderloin police station. Capt. Cotrell was away and Sergeant James Wilson was the acting captain. Detectives Kirk and Harvey took the case in their own hands, and said nothing about it to him. The first he knew of it was on Monday afternoon, when the second call for police came from the Higginson home. It is quite possible that charges may be preferred at Police Headquarters against some one.

STORE FRONT BLOWN OUT.

Result of Experiment With Torpedoes by Brother of the "Queen of Italy."

The whole store front of a building at 23 South Fourth street, Harrison, N. J., was blown out last evening by an explosion of giant torpedoes in the barber shop of Genaro Caprone. Mary Devito, 17 years old, and her brother Frank, a year younger, were severely burned by the explosion and were taken to St. Michael's Hospital in Newark.

Mary Devito is called the Queen of Italy in the little Italian circle in Harrison. She is employed in a fireworks factory on the Jersey Meadows, and on Monday evening brought home a lot of big torpedoes of a new style, which contain a high explosive.

Her brother was experimenting with the torpedoes yesterday when the whole store front and the store front was blown to splinters. The boy and girl may recover.

COULDN'T BUY SAGAMORE HILL.

Not Quite Clear Whether the Duke's or the Duke's Sister's Man.

OYSTER BAY, July 4.—Two men, one a thin one and the other a thick one, strolled last night to Sagamore Hill this morning, gazing all about.

"What can I do for you?" asked Secret Service Agent Brzezinski, stepping forward to meet them.

"Well," said the thick one, "I chist want to look over da property of der President. I haf some broptery myself, but I would like to puy dis one."

"Sagore Hill?" said the thin one, "said the only Brzezinski, deprecatingly, "this is a national holiday, so we can't do business to-day."

"Well," said the thin one, "could we see it from de water?"

"That's the very best place for you to see it from," recommended the sleuth, and gently but firmly he expelled the intending purchasers from the grounds.

WHAT WILL MISS BELL USE?

Maple Syrup, Hard Cider or Champagne for the Veterans' Bow?

MONTEPELIER, Vt., July 4.—Gov. Bell has named his older daughter, Miss Jennie Bell, to break the customary bottle over the bow of the battleship Vermont when it is launched at Quincy, Mass., on Aug. 31.

DANIEL DREW'S HULK BURNED.

Fire in the Gregory Boneyard of Ships at Perth Amboy.

Fire last night in the shipyards of John H. Gregory, on the Raritan River, Perth Amboy, burned up the bulk of the old Hudson River steamboat Daniel Drew. Gregory is a wrecker, and in his yards were the hulks of several ships which had outlived their usefulness. The flames spread rapidly in the paint and pitch soaked timbers.

At least four of the hulks were entirely consumed, among them the Drew, once famous as the most luxurious river steamer in the United States, when she ran on the Peoples' Line between New York and Albany. She was retired several years ago.

The ship's boneyard is at the foot of Hudson street. It is closely adjacent to the bridge of the Central Railroad of New Jersey over the Raritan. The fire was still blazing merrily at 1 o'clock this morning.

PHILADELPHIA RAID SCANDAL.

Friends of Women Prisoners Trying to Save Them From Further Shame.

PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—Pressure of the strongest kind is being brought to bear on the Magistrates who committed the women caught in the great raid of Saturday night and upon District Attorney John C. Bell, to whom the indictments will go.

There were women caught in the raid, and some of them are still in Moyamensing prison, who belong to the foremost families of Philadelphia. Their escorts were men of wealth and position. It is these men who through their affiliation, social and political, are bringing weight to bear upon the District Attorney to cause the quashing of the indictments.

It is a new ruling in the conduct of raids that has caused the condition. Heretofore only the proprietors of the brothels have been held, the inmates escaping with slight fines. The house of assignment were never touched. Before the raid of Saturday night each Magistrate was instructed to hold every woman caught in bail for court.

Moyamensing prison, where a number of women still are, through inability of escorts to secure bail secretly, is besieged to the same influences. A prizefighter to-day went bail for a woman he said was his sister. The woman has every mark of breeding. The prizefighter was simply a go-between.

AUTO BURNS DESPITE SETTERS.

University Clubmen and Their Siphons Fail to Drown Blazing Car.

Touring car No. 10, 633 was left before the residence of H. McKay Twombly at Fifty-fourth street and Fifth avenue last evening while three men who came in it went into the University Club. No. 10, 633 had been driven hard and was perspiring profusely in the vicinity of the gasoline tank.

In the course of time a man emerged from the University Club and started the machinery. The first principle of this operation was to throw an electric spark into contact with a reasonable amount of gasoline. The driver sent the electricity into all the gasoline.

Many men came from the club on the heels of the explosion. Some of them carried seltzer bottles. Others who looked like waiters had pails of water. Neither siphon nor bucket brigade was effective against the flames. Policeman Taylor turned in an alarm after the failure of the volunteer company and the fire was put out under the direction of Battalion Chief Gray.

No one would tell to whom the machine belonged. It was practically ruined and it seemed to be the idea of the club contingent that it didn't make much difference who owned the remains.

Later in the evening Acting Captain Bingham of the East Fifty-first street station said that the owner was J. B. Baker of 8 West Fifty-seventh street. In the automobile list F. A. Campbell is named as the owner of No. 10, 633.

BLAMES CASSIDY'S AUTO.

Black Says Borough President Was In It When It Tipped His Carriage.

FAR ROCKAWAY, July 4.—Robert Black, who lives at Healy and Bay View avenues, Far Rockaway, at his home suffering from serious injuries received last evening through his carriage being overturned by an automobile. Mr. Black says that the auto is the property of Joseph Cassidy, Borough President of Queens. He says that Mr. Cassidy was in it at the time of the accident, but that his driver, Harold Foss, was steering.

Mr. Black was sitting in his carriage, which was standing near the sidewalk on Bowne avenue, talking to a friend, when the automobile came down Sheridan boulevard and swung into Bowne avenue. Mr. Black says it was going at a high rate of speed. On turning into the avenue the machine ran into the rear of the carriage, hitting it squarely and turning it completely over. Mr. Black was pitched out. He was taken to his home, where he was tended by Dr. M. S. Caldwell. The doctor found that Mr. Black had sustained serious internal injuries.

Harold Foss was arrested recently by Bicycle Policeman Ennis, who alleges that he found him traveling in the auto in Far Rockaway without a number on it. The case was set for Thursday last, but Foss failed to appear. He will come up again on Friday. To-day's accident was not reported to the police.

BOYS EXPLODE BOMB IN CAR.

Picnic Crowd Panic Stricken by Terrible Report.

A party of boys at Myrtle avenue and Ralph street, Brooklyn, yesterday threw a piece of iron pipe containing explosive with a lighted fuse attached into a crowded car of the Myrtle avenue line.

The bomb exploded with a terrific report. The car was filled with women and children going to a picnic, and panic followed. Several women were killed and many jumped from the moving car.

Capt. Becker sent half a dozen policemen to the scene, but before the cops arrived citizens had quieted the passengers. Several women and children and two men were hurt, but none required medical aid. The boys escaped.

PRESIDENT'S TRAIN STARTS.

WILL BE IN CLEVELAND AT 9 A. M. FOR THE HAY FUNERAL.

Elihu Root and Attorney-General Moody Board It in Jersey City and Several Cabinet Members at Philadelphia—Train Attracts Little Attention.

President Roosevelt left Jersey City at 5:45 yesterday afternoon on a Pennsylvania special train to attend the funeral of Secretary Hay. The President, Secretary Loeb and two Secret Service men left Oyster Bay at 3:30 in a special Long Island Railroad train, made up of President Peters's private car and a day coach. A crowd was at the station. At 4:25 the train reached Long Island City, where a squad of police held back the cheering multitude.

The President lifted his hat and greeted the crowd pleasantly, waving particularly at two small children held up for him to view. A number of Secret Service men, in charge of Agent Flynn, and many Central Office detectives closed in behind the President and followed him on board the Long Island Railroad transfer boat Wyandotte.

The river craft along the route whistled salutes as the boat passed. The reached the Adams Express pier of the Pennsylvania Railroad at 5:10. Chief Murphy of Jersey City had a squad of police in waiting there to escort the President. Attorney-General Moody, Elihu Root and Paul Morton boarded the Pennsylvania train at Jersey City. The train was made up of the private cars Magnet and Shetland, the diner Oberlin and the buffet car John Edicott. It was arranged that Senator Philander C. Knox should board the train at Secaucus, Pa., his summer home. Lyman J. Gage, who is now in Massachusetts, could not return in time to join the President's train; he will go to Cleveland by the Lake Shore.

The President's train is scheduled to reach Cleveland at 9 o'clock this morning. PHILADELPHIA, July 4.—The President, Mr. Moody, Mr. Root, Mr. Morton and Mr. Loeb spent the time from New York to Philadelphia in the observation car Magnet. The President's special passed three or four hundred guests, a parade or two, and an occasional village celebration, but the train aroused little curiosity.

At West Philadelphia all the members of the present cabinet, except Attorney-General Moody, who already was on the train, and Secretary of War Taft, who is on his way to the Philippines, boarded the train. In the party were Postmaster-General Cortelyou, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte, Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, Secretary of Commerce and Labor McCallister, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw and Surgeon-General Hixson. John D. Long, ex-Secretary of the Navy, is ill, and the President received word yesterday that he would be unable to attend the funeral.

CLEVELAND, July 4.—Upon the arrival here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock of President Roosevelt and his party the funeral cortege of the late Secretary Hay will start from the Chamber of Commerce Building, where the remains have lain for two days, and move to the Lakeview Cemetery.

The President will be met at the train by a detail from Troop A and Vice-President Fairbanks and Gov. Herrick. In the funeral procession he will ride in a carriage with Mr. Fairbanks. After the funeral he and his party will be driven back to the train, which will leave the city at 3 P. M.

The first secretary of the Japanese Legation at Washington, Mr. Hiki, arrived this morning with two beautiful floral wreaths for the Hay casket, one from the Mikado and the other from Minister Takahira and his wife. In offering the wreaths Mr. Hiki said: "I beg you to accept the wreaths which I have now the honor to present on behalf of the Japanese Government in token of the respect in which my Government held the great abilities and lofty character of Mr. Hay. I beg further to request to accept another wreath, which I present on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Takahira."

AERONAUT IN PERIL.

Leo Stevens's Airship Fools Wireless Plant and Is Put Out of Commission.

Leo Stevens, the aeronaut, sailed his airship from her moorings, put over the ocean and back over the lower War encampment yesterday, but while he was endeavoring to make a landing within the enclosure of the Boer War he collided with the De Forest wireless station cable connecting poles, 250 feet high. Stevens thought he was above the poles and had no intimation of danger until he was almost swept from his seat as he crossed the cable.

The airship was brought to a standstill with such force that the navigator was thrown ten feet forward against the engine, saving himself from falling to the ground by dropping the tiller ropes and throwing himself flat across the light wooden frame of the whole apparatus swung broadside to the wind and the big canvas rudder caught in one of the wireless poles and was torn out of place. The balloon fell down to the cross wire, which tore a hole in the silk, letting out the gas.

Stevens quickly disentangled the machine from the wire and pole and alighted easily in the meadows about five hundred yards from the place where he started. The machine was completely disabled.

Stevens declared last night that he was satisfied that the machine would hold and would go wherever he wanted to steer her, and as soon as the repairs are made, which will probably be to-day, another attempt will be made to sail over the city to the Statue of Liberty and back. Stevens was slightly injured about the legs.

GEN. CHAFFEE GOING TO FRANCE.

Will Sail in August to Witness the Army Maneuvers There.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—The Lieutenant-General of the Army, Adna R. Chaffee, is on a five days cruise with Brig.-Gen. Crozier on the latter's yacht Alene, to Yorktown, Va., where they spent to-day. They expect to return to-day in time to attend the memorial service for the late Secretary Hay.

Adna and Mrs. Chaffee will sail for France on Aug. 10 on the Kronland, where the general will go in his official capacity as Chief of Staff of the United States Army to observe the French maneuvers. Miss Helen Chaffee will accompany her parents. She is now at West Point, the guest of Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Albert L. Mills.

Shot Near the Heart by His Friend.

Max Discher of 533 West 133d street accidentally shot his companion, Harry Monok of 178 Christie street, while playing with a revolver on the Staten Island ferryboat Castleton yesterday. The bullet struck Monok in the left breast near the heart. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it is said he may not recover. Discher was arrested and held without bail.

T. P. SHONTS ARRESTED.

President of the Panama Canal Commission Exceeded Speed Law.

STAMFORD, Conn., July 4.—T. P. Shonts of Chicago, president of the Panama Canal Commission, was arrested here this afternoon for violation of the automobile speed law. He had a party of women with him and did an eighth of a mile in 22 seconds. He put up a bond to secure his appearance in court. He was on the way to his summer home at Greenwich at the time.

RED FLAG IN WILLIAMSBURG.

Singing Societies Parade Under It—Our National Flag in Line.

The red flag predominated in the parade in Williamsburg yesterday of the Workingmen's Singing Societies of the Northeastern States. The societies began a four days festival in the Labor Lyceum on Saturday. There were about 2,000 men in the parade and a fair sprinkling of women. Each carried a red flag. The procession, which formed in the Labor Lyceum on Willowhby avenue, was in six divisions, and M. Routhers was the grand marshal. A great red flag was flown at the head of the column and beside the flag bearer marched a policeman.

All along the line of march to Ridgewood Park the paraders waved the red flag and cheered for it. The Brooklyn Turn Verein Vorwaerts also had a big red flag which it displayed prominently, while the only national flag was carried by a society from New Jersey near the tail end of the parade.

CAR HITS AMBULANCE; 4 HURT.

Surgeon Hurled Into a Crowd of Women and Children.

An ambulance from the Hudson street hospital was struck and overturned by a Sixth avenue car at Reade and Centre streets yesterday.

Dr. T. Harris Cherry was hurled from the ambulance ten feet into a group of women, children and lunch baskets waiting for a car at the corner. He was taken unconscious to the hospital, where it was found he was suffering from concussion of the brain, two severe scalp wounds and three broken ribs.

Mrs. Henry Knollhoff of 44 Franklin street, her daughter May, 12, and Miss Julia Smith of 312 East Eighty-fifth street were knocked down and bruised by the impact of the doctor's body. After having their hurts attended they were taken home.

Francis Burke of 270 West 117th street, the motorman, who is said to be a green hand, was arrested on a charge of assault. He was bailed by General Inspector Boshong of the New York City Railway Company.

Burke says he threw his reverse lever, but it failed to work.

Bystanders declare that Dr. Cherry would certainly have his brains dashed out if the plowmen had not broken his fall.

FINN FREES MORE WOMEN.

Refuses to Accept Evidence of Male Stool Pigeons.

In the Essex Market court yesterday two women were arraigned on a charge of vagrancy under the Tenement House act.

The evidence was furnished by two young men hired by the police. Magistrate Finn pounded with his gavel and said indignantly: "I will not hold any woman on the evidence of stool pigeons. I would not believe them under oath. They are too despicable for the notice of a decent man, especially the kind who get this kind of evidence and tell it unblushingly in public."

SAILED INTO MATRIMONY.

Couple Went Boating, Missed the Last Train and Had to Do Something.

Frank S. Blodgett, a bank clerk, 21 years old, son of Dr. F. J. Blodgett of 75 Jefferson street, Williamsburg, and Miss Vilette Hillyer of 35 Jefferson street went for a sail on the Hudson to Newburgh on Monday. They had known each other a long time and were to have been married in September. From Newburgh they went boating on Orange Lake. When they got back to the boat landing in Newburgh the boat was gone. The last train had also departed, and they decided to get married.

They hunted up a minister, and after relating their plight to